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WHAT'S NEWS IN THE MARKETS?

(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended June 2, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29---Youngberries and boysenberries are still in top spot as Good Buys in fruit, while strawberries have edged downward into the Fair Buy class, along with cherries, cantaloups, apricots, peaches and watermelons.

The first Apex plums of the season have arrived in the market.

The week's Best Buys from the vegetable bin include artichokes, asparagus, cabbage, new-crop potatoes, soft squash, and tomatoes.

In the Good Buy class are carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, peas, and snap beans (Kentucky Wonder and Blue Lakes).

Meat --

In the San Francisco wholesale meat market last week, demand was good for spring lamb, but was only slow to fair for beef, pork, and veal. Mutton and smoked meats were in very little demand. In the beef division, quality edged downward to Commercial and Utility grades, which were in plentiful supply as the result of an influx of grassy carcasses from near-by points. Prices advanced on some beef cuts, including a $1.00 per hundredweight gain on Good hindquarters, a $3.00 advance on forequarters, and a $2.00 per hundredweight price rise on briskets. In contrast, prices dropped on most fresh pork cuts -- $2.00 per hundredweight on loins, butts, and spareribs. Fresh hams went up $1.00 per hundredweight, while smoked hams gained $2.00. Smoked picnics advanced $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight. All other classes held unchanged in price.

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Butter --

Although demand has been only fair for butter in the wholesale market, prices have held practically unchanged from a week ago. Supplies are fully ample, especially on top grades. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 64-1/2 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, while Grade B(2nd Quality) is down 1/2-cent at a quotation of 63-1/2 to 64-cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs --

With the seasonal peak in California egg production reached, receipts are on the downgrade. Large Grade "AA" eggs have been in best demand and have advanced 1-cent per dozen. As a result, prices have been lowered on medium and small sizes to stimulate demand. Grade "A" Large eggs are unchanged in price from a week ago at a quotation to retailers of 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are quoted 1-cent lower to retailers at 37 to 39 cents per dozen in cartons, while Grade "A" Smalls are quoted 2 cents lower at 29 to 31 cents.

Poultry --

With offerings of young chickens more than ample for the fairly active demand for dressed poultry, prices have dropped 1-cent per pound on broilers, and 2 cents per pound on all weights of fryers and roasters. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended June 9, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 -- Best Buys in fruit are Youngberries and Boysenberries, while cherries, apricots, peaches, cantaloups and watermelons are rated as Good Buys. Valencia oranges are in the Fair Buy class.

The first apples of the season, White Astrachans from Tulare county, and figs from Tulare county have made their appearance in the market.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin include asparagus, snap beans, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumbers and new potatoes. Rated as Good Buys are celery, corn and lettuce, and the Fair Buy class includes peas and tomatoes.

Meat --

The demand was slow to fair in the San Francisco wholesale meat market last week. The seasonal change in beef quality was noted, with Commercial steer, and Utility and Commercial grassy cow carcasses appearing. Prices on all grades of fresh steer beef carcasses were unchanged from the previous week, but there was a $1 per hundredweight drop in all grades of cow carcasses. Good beef loins and briskets were up $2 per hundredweight, and short plates up $1. Fresh veal, calf, lamb and mutton, and cured pork prices were all unchanged from the previous week. Fresh pork loins were $2 lower per hundredweight, but other fresh pork cuts were unchanged in price.

Butter --

The seasonal increase in western butter production continued -- up 18 percent over a year ago for the week ended June 1. The wholesale market was mostly unchanged with Grades A & AA (1st Quality) selling to retailers at 64½ to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints. However, Grade B (2nd Quality) butter was down 1/2 to 1-cent per pound from the previous week and sold to retailers at 62½ to 63½ cents in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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Eggs --

Warmer weather reduced supplies of Large Grade AA eggs, but jobbing prices on all grades were mostly unchanged from the previous week. Grade A Large eggs were quoted to retailers at 42 to 43-cents per dozen in cartons, Grade A Mediums at 37 to 39-cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade A Smalls at 29 to 31-cents. However, egg production continues well over last year, and wholesale prices had declined slightly on Mediums and Smalls.

Poultry --

Supplies of young chickens continued heavy in the dressed poultry market. Fryers have dropped 3 to 4-cents per pound in the past week, and broilers were down 1-cent. Hens and other classes of dressed poultry were unchanged in price from a week ago.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended June 16, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13 -- Youngberries, boysenberries, and loganberries are the Best Buys in fruit. Rated as Good Buys are cherries, apricots, peaches, cantaloups, and watermelons. In the Fair Buy class are Valencia oranges, figs, and nectarines.

From the vegetable bin the Best Buys are artichokes, cucumbers, lettuce, peas, and new potatoes. Classed as Good Buys are snap beans, cabbage, carrots, celery, and corn, while summer and Italian squash, and sweet potatoes are rated as Fair Buys.

Meat --

Fresh steer beef carcasses were generally $1 to $2 per hundredweight higher in the San Francisco wholesale market last week, despite a slow to fair demand. Good steer beef carcasses were up $1 on the lower end of the price range, Commercial was up $1 to $2, and Utility up $1. Steer and heifer beef cuts were uneven in price. Hindquarters sold $1 cheaper, loins were down $2, and ribs down $4. However, chucks sold $1 higher, while briskets were up $2 and plates $1 on the lower end of the price range. Fresh veal, calf, and lamb and mutton carcasses, and cured pork cuts were all unchanged in price from the previous week. Fresh pork loins were up $2 per hundredweight on the lower end of the price range.

Butter --

Top grades of butter continued in liberal supply during the past week, but the demand was limited. However, prices to retailers were mostly unchanged from the previous week with Grades A & AA (1st Quality) quoted at 64½ to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints. Grade B (2nd Quality) butter sold to retailers 1/2-cent lower than the previous week at 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-pound prints.

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Eggs --

Large Grade AA eggs continued in short supply, and advanced in price during the past week as the demand for them continued good. However, supplies of Grade A Large, Medium, and Small eggs were ample for the demand, and prices to retailers were unchanged from the previous week. Grade A large eggs sold to retailers at 42 to 43 cents per dozen in cartons, Mediums at 37 to 39 cents, and Smalls at 29 to 31 cents.

Poultry --

In the dressed poultry market fryers, roasters, and broilers dropped sharply in price during the past week as liberal supplies of young chickens continued to arrive in the market. Roasters dropped 6 cents per pound in price, fryers were down 5 cents per pound from the previous week, and broilers 2 cents. However, there was an improved demand for Leghorn hens, and dressed prices were 1 cent per pound higher.

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(USDA Food Bulletin for the week ended June 23, 1950)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20 --- Apricots and peaches have joined ranks with youngberries, boysenberries, and loganberries as the Best Buys in fruit.

Good Buys this week include cherries, cantaloups, watermelons and figs.

In the Fair Buy class are honeydew melons and plums.

Other miscellaneous fruits in the market include currants, blueberries, gooseberries, nectarines, dewberries, casaba melons, Wilder pears, and white Astrachan apples.

From the vegetable bin the Best Buys are snap beans, cabbage, carrots, celery from Santa Clara county, eggplant, lettuce, and soft squash.

Asparagus is a Good Buy, along with cucumbers, dry onions, and peas.

Corn and sweetpotatoes are Fair Buys.

Meat --

Generally, trading was fairly good in the San Francisco wholesale meat market last week. In the beef division, demand was moderately good for Good grade beef, but was slow on cow beef and on Commercial and Utility grades of steer beef. However, Commercial grade steer beef advanced $1.00 per hundredweight. Light supplies of veal and calf remained unchanged in price under a fairly active demand. Spring lamb was also in fairly good demand at unchanged prices, while there was little demand for mutton. Pork items were in good demand -- especially spareribs. Heavy loins and fresh hams gained $2.00 per hundredweight, while smoked hams advanced $1.00. Smoked bacon went up $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight. With lard in slow demand, prices dropped 50 cents per hundredweight.

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Butter --

More than ample supplies of butter are unchanged in price from last week, but demand continues slow. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 64-1/2 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) is quoted at 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

Eggs --

Although seasonal egg production continues downward, there are ample supplies in the San Francisco wholesale market. Prices are little changed from a week ago, but Grade "A" Large eggs have gained 1-cent to a quotation to retailers of 43 to 44 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Mediums are unchanged at 37 to 39 cents per dozen in cartons, as are Grade "A" Smalls at 29 to 31 cents.

Poultry --

Demand has continued relatively slow in the San Francisco wholesale dressed poultry market. Prices have dropped some more on young chickens as the result of excess offerings. Dressed broilers are selling 1-cent per pound below last week, all weights of fryers are down 2 cents per pound, and roasters are 2 to 3 cents per pound lower. With supplies of both light and heavy hens barely ample for their good demand, prices have advanced 1 to 2 cents per pound on dressed heavy Leghorn hens. All other classes are unchanged in price from a week ago.

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SAN FRANCISCO, June 27---This week's Best Buys in fruit include boysenberries, loganberries, youngberries, apricots, peaches and figs.

In the Good Buy line-up are cantaloups, watermelons, nectarines, strawberries, currants, plums, and bananas.

Among this week's Fair Buys are Valencia oranges, lemons, and Persian and honeydew melons.

Best Buys from the vegetable bin this week include snap beans, carrots, corn, lettuce, all soft squash, and red onions.

Cabbage is a Good Buy, along with local celery, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, peas, and new-crop Long White potatoes.

Sweetpotatoes are a Fair Buy.

Butter --

Although western butter production continues to decline, it is still 19 percent above a year ago. Prices have held unchanged from a week ago in the San Francisco wholesale market, where demand has been rather slow. Grades A&AA(1st Quality) are quoted to retailers at 64-1/2 to 67 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints, and Grade B(2nd Quality) remains at a quotation to retailers of 62 to 63 cents per pound in cartons of 1/4-lb. prints.

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Eggs --

In the wholesale egg market supplies of top grades have been somewhat short because of the seasonal decline in production. Prices have advanced on large and medium sizes, with Grade "A" Large quoted 1-cent higher to retailers at 44 to 45 cents per dozen in cartons, and Grade "A" Mediums quoted 3 cents higher than last week at a quotation of 40 to 42 cents per dozen in cartons. Grade "A" Smalls are unchanged at a quotation of 29 to 31 cents per dozen in cartons.

Poultry --

In the wholesale poultry market, demand for dressed poultry is clearing the ample supplies fairly well. Broilers have dropped 1-cent per pound from a week a go, and all weights of Leghorn hens are selling 1-cent per pound below a week ago. All other classes remain unchanged in price.

Meat --

In the San Francisco wholesale meat market last week, supplies of most meats were moderate and fully sufficient for demand, which remained highly selective at prevailing prices. In best demand was Good grade beef at unchanged prices. Although prices were somewhat irregular on Commercial and Utility grades of beef, demand improved for those grades. Veal was in rather light supply but equal to the demand for low-Commercial and Utility grades especially. There was plenty of spring lamb available, but the seasonal volume of Commercial and Utility grades was in little demand, so that prices dropped $1.00 to $3.00 per hundredweight on those grades. Both fresh and smoked pork products moved at irregular prices, with fresh hams and picnics gaining $1.00 to $2.00 per hundredweight. All other classes held unchanged in price.

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